

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic device comprising:

a user interface which is moveable;

a first cover element which is moveable, relative to said user interface, between a first position in which a part of the user interface is covered and a second position in which that part of the user interface is uncovered;

an electrical motor for converting electrical power into a first rotational movement having a first angular speed; and

converting means operatively associated with said interface and said cover element for converting the rotational movement into a movement of the first cover element and said interface between the first position and the second position on a surface of the user interface, wherein said cover element moves opposite to said interface.

2. (Original) A portable electronic device according to claim 1, wherein said converting means comprises a gear for converting the first rotational movement into a second rotational movement having a second angular speed that is slower than said first angular speed.

3. (Original) A portable electronic device according to claim 2, wherein said gear is an epicyclic gear.

4. (Original) A portable electronic device according to claim 2, wherein the motor and gear are in line with each other.

5. (Original) A portable electronic device according to claim 2, wherein

the device further comprises a rotatable element for converting said second rotational movement to a translational movement of said first cover element.

6. (Original) A portable electronic device according to claim 5, wherein the motor, gear and the rotatable element are in line with each other.

7. (Previously Presented) A portable electronic device according to claim 1, wherein the user interface has two configurations, a compacted configuration whereby the first cover element is in the first position and an expanded configuration whereby the first cover element is in the second position.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic device according to claim 1, wherein the portable device comprises a second moveable cover element which is moved between a third position and a fourth position by the electrical motor.

10. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic device according to claim 9, wherein the electrical motor is arranged to move the first cover element and the second moveable cover element simultaneously.

11. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic device according to claim 9, wherein
the first cover element and the second moveable cover element are arranged to move at different speeds.

12. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic device according

to claim 9, wherein

the electrical motor is arranged to move the first cover element and the second moveable cover element in opposite directions.

13. (Currently Amended) In a portable electronic device having a user interface a method for moving a cover element between a first position in which a part of the user interface is covered and a second position in which that part of the user interface is uncovered, comprising the steps of:

converting electrical power into a first mechanical power in the form of rotation with a first speed by an electrical motor; and

converting said first mechanical power to a movement of said cover element and said user interface between the first position and said second position on a surface of the user interface, wherein said cover element moves opposite to said user interface.

14. (Original) A method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of converting the first mechanical power into a second mechanical power in the form of rotation with a second speed that is lower than said first speed by a gear.

15. (Previously Presented) A portable electronic device according to claim 1, wherein said interface is mounted on the device for sliding movement and said converting means comprises a gear driven by said electric motor, said gear engaging a first toothed surface on the cover element and a second toothed surface on said interface wherein rotation of the gear causes movement of the cover element and interface in opposite directions.

16. (Previously Presented) A portable electronic device,

according to claim 1, further comprising a second cover element mounted for sliding movement from a first position partially covering said interface and a second position in which that part of the user interface is uncovered, wherein said converting means comprises a gear driven by said electric motor, said gear engaging a first toothed surface on the first cover element and a second toothed surface on said second cover element wherein rotation of the gear causes movement of the first and second cover elements in opposite directions.